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Bible drillers, speakers take top honors

By Tony Martin
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The 2004 Mississippi state Bible Drills and Speaker's Tournament attracted the best and the brightest from all over the state for a day of friendly competition April 24 at Alta Woods Church, Jackson. Students participating at this level know they'll be facing peers who are just as capable and as devoted to winning as they are.

ly calling me to do it again this year." All four finalists said there was a real discipline in putting a speech together. "I loved preparing for it, researching it, and writing it," said Glaze. "It turned out that I had so much I wanted to say, but ended up having to reduce it so much."

"I had to just basically let God take control of it," said Prevost. "I prayed about it, and actually woke up in the middle of the night and God just seemed to give it to me."

"The hardest part was coming up with enough sources," said Porter. "Choosing the actual topic wasn't all that hard, though."

Wilson's speech included a harrowing testimony of seeing her cousin badly injured in a four-wheeler accident. "I didn't write my speech until the day before the church Bible drill," she said, "and that was the day of the accident. It was amazing, how God used that accident and gave me something else to say."

All four winners said that the audience was encouraging and supportive, and all said they would be willing to share their speeches again.

For the high school seniors who had participated in Bible drills for the previous 9 years, the scholarship drills have some unique challenges — not the least of which are the college scholarships available to the winners. To be able to participate in the scholarship drills, participants must have been drilling since elementary school. Because of the high stakes involved in the scholarship drills, the tension in the room

was evident. The winners of the scholarship drills were Kris Beville, Church Road Church, Horn Lake, first place; Melissa Hudson, First Church, Hattiesburg, second place; and Heather Peevy, Crossgates Church, Brandon, third place.

All three winners attested to the pressure inherent in competing at this level. "I was nervous!" said Beville.

"I wasn't nervous until this year," said Hudson. "It was because of the scholarships, I think."

Peevy agreed. "It was just knowing that you had to be the first out after the call."

The winners all said that they were proud of their accomplishments. "It was one of the best things I've ever done," said Peevy.

The scholarships are significant. According to the most current information from the three Baptist-affiliated colleges offering the scholarships, Blue Mountain College offers full tuition and room scholarship for the full-time freshman who wins the scholarship drill; Mississippi College offers a four-year room and board scholarship; and William Carey College offers \$1000, renewable on an annual basis.

For the Speaker's Tournament winners, Mississippi College offers a four-year room and board scholarship and Blue Mountain College offers full tuition and room for eight consecutive semesters. Second and third place winners in both competitions are also offered a variety of scholarship aid.

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TOP SPEAKERS — 2004 Speaker's Tournament winners include (from left) Brittany Prevost, First Church Clinton, fourth place; Chase Porter, First Church, Picayune, second place; Whitney Wilson, Friendship Church, Ecu, first place; and Michelle Glaze, First Church, Clinton, third place. (BR photo by Lennie Young)

The annual Selection Tournaments for Bible drillers and speakers are sponsored by the Discipleship and Family Ministries Department (DFM) of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and funded by gifts to the Mississippi Cooperative Program.

The Saturday event was the culmination of drills and speaking opportunities all over Mississippi that involved 3,189 participants in 2004, and included the Youth Speaker's Tournament, the Youth Junior High Bible Drill Tournament, and the Scholarship Tournament.

The Youth Speaker's Tournament is designed to stimulate growth toward Christian maturity by asking youth to speak seriously about their Christian commitment. Participants must turn in a manuscript of their speech, cite references and scripture used, and stay within strict time limits. This year's winners were Whitney Wilson, Friendship Church, Ecu, first place; Chase Porter, First Church, Picayune, second place; Michelle Glaze, First Church, Clinton, third place; and Brittany Prevost, First Church, Clinton, fourth place.

Participation on this level isn't easy, but all the participants were universally proud of their accomplishments. "I love speaking in front of people," Wilson said, "and I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

"I love public speaking," said Porter. "I speak in competitions at high school but I really enjoy this because I get to talk about God."

"I was in the tournament last year," said Prevost, "but I felt like God was real-



YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — 2004 Youth Bible Drill scholarship winners are (second from left) Melissa Hudson, First Church, Hattiesburg, second place; Kris Beville, Church Road Church, Horn Lake, first place; and Heather Peevy, Crossgates Church, Brandon, third place. Harvey Ellis (left), consultant in the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's sponsoring Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, congratulated the winners. (BR photo by Lennie Young)

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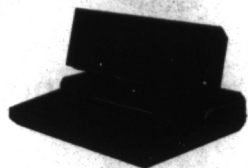
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Male, or female? Take your pick.

Jack Graham, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and guest opinion columnist below, is right when he observes, "Our nation is locked in a bitter cultural battle." In case there is anyone left out there who can still argue against such a statement with a straight face, consider the current state of affairs in the state of California.

In California, where the populace pride themselves on being a bellwether for the rest of the nation, a new state law has gone into effect that compels school-age children to declare which gender they prefer to be.

No, you read correctly. California first graders now have the right to pick their gender — regardless of any genetic and anatomical evidence to the contrary — so that discrimination against "transgender" students can be stamped out.

That effectively means a California school-age boy, considered to be male in 49 other states and most foreign countries, can now declare himself a girl in California and must be legally recognized as such. The means he (she?) can begin dressing as a girl and using all school facilities set aside for the female gender — including restrooms, dressing rooms, and locker rooms.

The same goes for little girls who feel they were endowed at birth with the wrong body parts. Parents are specifically excluded under the new law from any involvement in their child's gender decision.

Here's the really breathtaking part, though: 1,055 out of 1,056 local school districts in California accepted the new law without a whimper. Only one school district in the entire state, in suburban Los Angeles, opted not to go along with the crowd — and then only by the slimmest of margins.

Three brave members of the five-member Westminster School District Board of Trustees in Orange County voted not to implement the new state law, and now they're paying a heavy personal price for exercising a little common sense about this silly and unnecessary gender selection law.

"Every child in this state deserves unequivocal protection from discrimination," roared California Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell. "I am disappointed that in 2004 this fundamental civil right is being debated."

The three board members "don't want to give the person the right to define their own sex," huffed Trish Montgomery, a spokesperson for Westminster School District and presumably an employee of the very school board she is criticizing.

O'Connell has threatened to withhold state funding from the school district and promised to "move with all deliberate speed if you challenge my authority." That statement prompted Bank of America to pull back from a previously-approved \$16 million line of credit for improvements around the district.

California state Senator Joe Dunn, a Democrat from Santa Ana, has announced that he will propose a legislatively-mandated state takeover of the district if the board fails to comply fully with the new law. Westminster Mayor Margie Rice, who says she is a practicing Christian, told the three board members, "Your responsibility now is to obey the law." Angry activists have begun a recall campaign.

Even parents are getting in on the act. "My kids are going to suffer because of the three village idiots," Louise Morley told hovering news media.

Under pressure from the news media and what must seem like every one of their fellow Californians, the three board members — Judy Ahrens, Blossie Marquez-Woodcock, and Helena Rutowski — relented and offered a compromise that would

"PASTOR, IS THIS VALID IN VERMONT?
HONORED IN HAWAII? LAWFUL IN
LOUISIANA? OKAY IN OKLAHOMA?"



allow the new law to take effect without the gender self-determination clause. Of course, that was not acceptable to the radicals and is widely expected to be rejected by state education officials.

Stand your ground, ladies. The three of you appear to understand what most of California's population apparently does not: God formed us all male or female, according to His divine plan for each of us and for the world (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 5:2; Psalm 139:13-14) regardless of whether some of us would like to second-guess His choices.

No check box on a government form will ever change that fact.

GUEST OPINION:



Time for Baptists to vote values

By Jack Graham, president
Southern Baptist Convention

Our nation is locked in a bitter cultural battle. As citizens and as followers of Christ, we have an obligation to become engaged in this struggle.

The 2004 general election will offer voters a very clear choice as to what kind of values will dominate the political culture and impact America for years to come. Evangelical Christians must begin voting their convictions for righteousness to prevail.

I am not referring to Republican or Democrat values, but the struggle for biblical values to triumph. I am excited about the potential impact iVoteValues.com promises.

iVoteValues.com is an initiative of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) in Nashville. This initiative looks to both educate and register voters by mobilizing church members. It emphasizes voting our convictions rather than voting our pocketbooks or political parties.

This activity is both legal and proper. The Scriptures are not ambiguous. It is clear what Christ was saying when He

talked about hiding our light under a container (Matthew 5:15). "Our light" is our faith-driven compulsion to influence the world for God and for good. It pushes back the darkness. It illumines evil and brings knowledge, which frees people.

Shame on us if we remain cowering in a darkened corner of the culture because a handful of so-called constitutional experts have told us we can't take our light where we know we should be taking it and furthermore, that we don't understand our rights under the U.S. Constitution. We need to stand up, speak out, and send the message that God has an answer to the pain, heartache,

and trouble that afflicts so many in our nation.

At the heart of this culture war is the battle over the definition of and disintegration of the family. One of the biggest issues is same-sex marriage. Here again we have self-appointed experts who think they know better than God. They have a plan and they are quickly carrying out this plan to redefine marriage as something other than the union of one man and one woman. They have willing accomplices in courtrooms and city halls across our nation. These individuals see no problem in ignoring the will of the people and tearing at the foundation of our society, our culture, and our nation.

We must allow our faith to influence our decisions in what candidates we support. As followers of Christ we need to bring His Kingdom and His Spirit and His values into all spheres of human activity, including into the electoral process.

Historians say in our nation's war for independence, it was the men of God who made the difference. While the political leaders sounded the call for revolution, it was the preachers who stepped out of their pulpits and into the battle who inspired the people in their fight for freedom.

In this election year, the people of God must come off the sidelines and into the fray. The stakes are too high. We must be determined to fight this good fight of faith and to be passionate in our commitment to prevail for our nation's sake.

Graham is pastor of Prestonwood Church, Dallas. His commentary appears courtesy of Baptist Press. For more information on the iVoteValues.com initiative, visit www.ivotevalues.com.

Christian work in India may hinge on votes

DELHI, India (BP) — India's 14th general elections, the world's largest electoral process, began on April 20 with voting to continue until May 10. More than 40 regional and national parties are vying for 543 parliamentary seats. Given the nation's recent history of religious oppression, the election — with a potential 675 million voters — is critical to Christians throughout India.

The two major groups contesting the elections are the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA), led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and the secular alliance led by the opposition Congress Party.

The BJP has surprised some voters by wooing Christian and Muslim communities, previously seen as the exclusive vote block of the Congress Party, according to a report by Compass Direct news service. As part of their campaign platform, BJP politicians have promised an economic uplift for religious minorities while downplaying their support of the militant Hindu cause of making India a Hindu Rashtra (nation). The traditional right-wing party has pledged to make India a more developed nation by the year 2020.

In a surprising move, the BJP recently recruited Christians into the party itself. Four Christian clerics belonging to the Church of South India (CSI) and the Pentecostal movement have joined the BJP in Kerala state, where Christians comprise almost 20% of the population.

Abraham Thomas, a member of the CSI, told media representatives that "I am joining the BJP to prove that the party is not anti-minority."



ELECTION CRUCIAL — Hindus in India bathe in the waters of the Ganges River, which they consider holy and capable of washing away their sins. The ongoing general election in India may foretell the future of Christian evangelical work in the world's largest democracy. (BP photo)

In the southern state of Karnataka, H.T. Sangliana, a former superintendent of police in Bangalore, also has joined the BJP. Sangliana is well-known for his Christian beliefs.

Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani of the BJP paid special attention to Christian-dominated areas when he traveled through Kerala state as part of a countrywide election campaign in March.

However, most Christians refuse to believe that the BJP party, with its record for militant Hinduism and oppression of Christian minorities, has made any real change in its nationalist policies.

The BJP's ongoing support of extremist Hindu organizations such as the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and the Bajrang Dal is evident in its election manifesto which talks about a nationwide ban on unethical religious conversions. Such a ban would be based on

anti-conversion laws already in force in Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh states.

Some Christians are puzzled at the way BJP politicians have appealed to Christian voters while simultaneously promising to extend anti-conversion legislation.

John Dayal, national vice president of the All India Catholic Union and the secretary general of the All India Christian Council, pointed out the inconsistency in a recent news release.

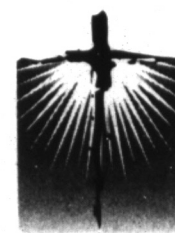
"Though the party is busy trying to seduce people of various minority communities, the vision document of the BJP, the manifesto of the NDA and statements of the BJP's national leadership leave one in no doubt that the party and the NDA are wedded to the communal politics of the RSS, which are hostile to all minorities and specially to the Christian community," Dayal stated.

Anti-Christian activities are still underway, despite the election rhetoric. According to a report in the Indian Express on April 15, the VHP recently held a "re-conversion" ceremony for Christians in the Dangs district of Gujarat, a state notorious for the violence perpetrated by Hindus against Christians.

Christians claim that the recent attacks on Christians in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, were orchestrated by BJP government officials in that state. The officials were elected on a platform that emphasized development issues. However, oppression of the Christian minority began immediately after the elections.

Christians in other parts of India fear the same thing may happen if the BJP wins the general elections by a substantial majority.

"Even if the BJP returns to power using development issues, it is very likely that it would revert to its core Hindutva [nationalist Hindu] ideology," Reginald Mukha, general director of the Evangelical Trust of North India, told Compass Direct.



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The Congress Party manifesto also has accused the BJP of misusing religion for political gain. The manifesto holds the BJP responsible for the deaths of more than 2,000 Muslims in the Gujarat riots of 2002.

In contrast, the Congress Party promises "strict action against those who promote social bigotry" and "the enforcement of the rule of law to ensure social harmony and cohesion." Its 32-page manifesto also advocates "full equality of opportunity in all respects for the weaker sections of our society."

Most opinion polls give the NDA a comfortable majority. According to an Indian Express-NDTV poll in mid-March, the NDA is likely to win the elections, with the BJP winning 190 to 200 seats. The same poll predicts the Congress Party will win 95-105 seats.

Vote counting begins May 13.

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ClearPlay debuts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A DVD player that filters out objectionable material in movies is now available for purchase. The technology allows viewers to watch such films as *Matrix Reloaded*, *Catch Me If You Can*, and even *Braveheart* without the overtly sexual or violent scenes and foul language. RCA is now selling the DVD player, called the RCA DRC232N DVD Player with ClearPlay, at stores such as Wal-Mart. The DVD player utilizes ClearPlay technology, which consists of filters that prevent objectionable material from appearing on the screen or soundtrack when a DVD is played. Each filter is customized for a specific movie title, and the result is almost seamless so that it does not distract from the film. Currently about 500 movies are included in the ClearPlay database, and more are added regularly. An on-screen menu allows the viewer to activate filters for three main categories on the DVD player: violence, explicit scenes and nudity and language. Fourteen subcategories include moderate violence, graphic violence, disturbing images, sensual content, crude sexual content, nudity, explicit sexual situations, vain reference to deity, crude language and humor, ethnic and social slurs, cursing, strong profanity, graphic vulgarity and explicit drug use. For each movie, the viewer may choose the settings they prefer, activating individual categories or all 14 at once. No special discs are required, and viewers can use the DVDs they already own or rent from a store. The DVD player comes with 100 movie titles already in the database, and more may be downloaded at www.clearplay.com to be transferred to the player via a burned CD. Suggested retail price for the DVD players with ClearPlay is \$79, though walmart.com listed the unit at \$69.84.

Looking back

10 years ago

Rankin Association in Brandon calls Allen H. Stephens to serve as director of missions. Stephens is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, and comes from the pastorate of First Church, Richland.

20 years ago

Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter is named recipient of the first Distinguished Christian Woman Award by the Woman's Committee of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. The selection committee chose Carter because of her international reputation as a committed Christian and a devoted church and family woman.

50 years ago

Mississippi Woman's College in Hattiesburg is renamed William Carey College. The four-year senior Baptist institution has been become a co-educational school, and the name reflects the heritage of the life and works of Carey, the pioneer Baptist missionary who worked in India.



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(I repent.)
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rose from the grave to
forgive my sins and to restore
my relationship with you.
(I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus
Christ into my life. From this
time on, I want to live in a
loving relationship with Him.
(I receive Christ as my
Savior and Lord.)

But as many as received him, to
them he gave the right to
become children of God, even to
those who believe in his name
(John 1:12).

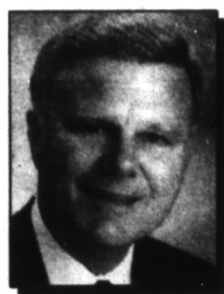
If you make a decision for
Jesus Christ today, contact
a local Baptist church for
spiritual guidance.

STOP, THIEF!

Car theft is of epidemic proportions all across the nation. Mississippi is not excluded. Recently, I joined the ranks of the car thieves. Well, let me restate that. Recently, I was accused of being one of the car thieves. Late one evening I stopped by the grocery store to pick up a loaf of bread. Only a few people were in the store and only a handful of cars were out in the parking lot. As I drove up, there was a car sitting out in the parking lot that was the same style, same color, and the same year as my car. I started to pull up alongside the car so that "twins" would be sitting there, but I thought that the driver may come out and be confused, so I parked a couple of isles over and left plenty of distance between me and the other person.

I ran in the store, picked up a loaf of bread, and went to check out. Of course, at that time of the night, only one checker was at the front and as always seems to happen with me and probably with you, everybody in the store arrived at the checkout counter at the same time. There I was standing with a loaf of bread, about number five in the checkout line, and most of the people had buggies filled. I simply relaxed and thought that this would be a good point in my spiritual journey to allow patience to have its perfect work, or to at least allow patience to have a small opportunity to work on me!

I stood in line for a moment and then a nice lady came up and said, "Sir, if you will step over here I will check you out." "Well, bless your heart!" I thought to myself as I did what I was told. As I stood there waiting for her to ring up my bread, another lady who worked in the store came up, spoke to me and asked, "Are you a preacher?" Now, I was a little surprised because I didn't have on my preacher outfit. In fact I thought I looked almost normal. I replied, "Well, what makes you think I'm a preacher?" She asked, "Well, are you?" I said, "Well, as a matter of fact, I am." She said, "I knew it! I saw the anointing of God all over you!" Well, to be honest with you, I was blessed and flattered and at the same time, slightly confused. All I was doing was standing there with a loaf of



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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

bread in my hand and she saw anointing! I had only been in the store three or four minutes and I must confess that all of those minutes had not been totally pure if looked at under the microscope of God's Holy Spirit.

I tried to recall what I actually thought, for a split second at least, of maybe the way I looked whenever I walked up to the first checkout stand and saw five buggies full of groceries in front of me and all I wanted was one loaf of bread. Still, I was willing to accept the lady's evaluation and compliment that she had seen anointing on me. We talked on a little while about the Lord, the church, her church, good things that God was doing in her life, and how long she had known Jesus. It was a good time! I paid for and got my bread, finished the conversation, and walked out.

Across the parking lot and to my car I went. I jumped in, cranked up, and took off. What I did not know was that the other car that was a twin to mine was her car. As she watched me leave the store, she thought that I got in her car and drove off. So, she hollered, "That man is stealing my car!" Now the only reason that I know this story is because a friend of mine had come into the store while I was standing there talking to the lady and seeing that I was engaged in conversation, he went on to grab some groceries and walked back up to the front just as I was leaving. He had intended to come back up and speak to me, but I had already gone out the door, stolen the car, and was on my way home.

Inside the store there was a buzz as the bag boy wanted to know if he should call 911 and the lady was in a panic because her car was stolen! The next morning my friend called me and wanted to know if this was the car thief. I had no idea what he was talking

about. Then he conveyed to me the story of what had happened. After hearing about events that I knew nothing of, I began to reflect on the part that I did know something about while I was in the store and putting the two together, I drew some of life's interesting conclusions:

1. Folks can change their mind about you in a hurry! In just a matter of seconds I went from having the anointing of God all over me to stealing her car, at least in her mind. I'm not sure, and don't really want to know, what she thought about me at that point.

Isn't it amazing how quickly we are swayed even from what we think and see and have confirmed in our lives from the Lord? Then when something doesn't seem to fit our frame of reference and the picture changes a little bit, our whole attitude changes. Well, surely she wouldn't want her car stolen and I understand that, but in order to make me into a car thief, she had to deny everything that she had just thought she saw and then reasoned to be true.

We are fickle folks! I have known people who have had a caring and Godly pastor for years, maybe even decades, and then for some one statement, some one sermon, some one position on a moral or even social issue, and at the snap of your fingers all of the appreciation, admiration, and devotion is gone. We change our opinions quickly.

2. A second thing that I realized was that we all are probably a part of some events and activities that we know nothing about, but which make us look bad. I did not steal a car, but there was a lady there who confessed to the world that I was stealing hers! She really believed that I was and who is to say that they shouldn't believe her as she stood there and watched her car leave the parking lot. My good buddy who was in the store asked the people, "Do you know who that is?" They really didn't know and so he said, "That's a preacher. He used to be my preacher." Then he said he didn't believe that I would steal her car. That part I appreciated! However, here are folks on the verge of calling the police and having me arrested, calling the Grand Jury together and having me indicted for car theft! Isn't that amazing! And, I knew nothing about it.

3. The final thought that came to my mind is that many times getting all the facts in place will alleviate a lot of life's crises. If you just take the time to ask a few questions, slow down enough to look around, hold on to your emotions and not go off into orbit, you might discover that it was not your car that was stolen. In fact, your car may actually still be sitting on the lot where you left it.

If all of this seems a little too familiar and sounds a whole lot like what you may have heard recently about some church, it is because too often, in too many places, and over too many issues, we respond in ways that create more problems than ever existed before our response.

So, the next time you see somebody driving off in your car, please take a few seconds to make sure it is not sitting where you left it before you call 911 or run out the door screaming. The facts always seem to help.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Brad Becker,
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Topics: • Overcoming Bitterness
• Parenting

CONFERENCES:

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- Single Parenting - Carol Williams, Harrisburg BC, Tupelo
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May 29-31

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Music: Brian Neal & Band

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- Making the Best of a Bad Situation
- Healing Power of Humor

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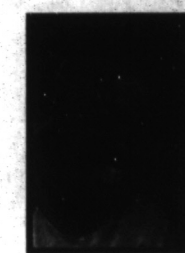
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Hausa of Niger
lic to hear Hausa bod-
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Deaf associations play a very
important role in the life of
the deaf community of
Columbia. Please pray that
God will send deaf Christians
who will not grow tired of try-
ing to reach the deaf. Ask God
to provide a way for the
Colombia deaf Team to meet
these deaf and begin to build a
relationship with them.

For: (1) II Senior Adult Conf., 17th
-19th, Gulfshore Baptist
Assembly (D&FM); (2) Please lift
up John and Barbara Randolph,
new missionaries in the
Dominican Republic, who will be
working in the rural areas of the
eastern Dominican Republic.
They arrived in the country on
Feb. 20 and are adjusting to their
new home and language.

For: (1) ALT - Associational
Leadership Training, Madison
(CG); (2) I Senior Adult Conf.,
11th-14th Gulfshore (D&FM);
(3) T.W. Cara is an Army reserve
chaplain serving in a psycho-
logical operation battalion.
Pray as he ministers to soldiers
who are deployed throughout
the world and their families
scattered over four states.

For: (1) Area 1 F.O.C.U.S.
Group, TBA (WMU); (2) Pray
for believers to be bold in
sharing the Good News with
the Urbanites of West Java,
Indonesia. God is faithful to
provide opportunities, and
the believers need to be pre-
pared always to speak the
truth.

Radio programming can have a
powerful influence in closed
countries such as Libya. One
young woman listens regularly
to Christian radio program-
ming, recording every program
and transcribing the Scripture
verses she hears. Pray for this
young woman and others who
heard the Truth via radio and
now attend a house church.

The Mwanza Urban Team of
Tanzania asks that we pray
for their new Baptist high
school in Mwanza. The
school is only three years old,
but it has recently scored
number 13 out of 190 schools
in the region. Pray for the
headmaster and staff as they
work toward their goal "that
all their students know Christ."

The Jola-Fogny Team of Senegal
and the Gambia writes: "The
elders in the Jola culture are
responsible for all decision mak-
ing. They have given permission
for people to study the Bible, but
not to leave Islam and follow
Jesus. Pray that the elders would
know that Jesus is Savior, accept
Him and give their permission for
others to accept Him."

For: (1) III Senior Adult
Conference, 20th-22nd,
Gulfshore Baptist Assembly
(D&FM); (2) Baptist representa-
tives Jason and Alice Martin,
in Spain, request your interces-
sion for several believers who
are struggling in their walk with
Christ. They also ask you to
pray for contacts who have not
yet made a decision for Christ.

Evelyn Allen writes: "The
churchwide prayer chain at
FBC, West Palm Beach,
prayed for Allen Staley and
his ministry on December 8.
He is the Army Chaplain at
the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks
at Leavenworth. Chaplain
Staley later contacted us say-
ing we had prayed for him on
the exact date of his surgery
and he was doing well."

For: (1) Associational
Leadership Training 14th -
15th, Camp Garaywa
(WMU); (2) Mission trips are
being planned for June along
two rivers to witness to the
Piaroa people group of
Venezuela. Please pray for a
motor driver for the boat that
is going to take the teams.

A young Guajibo girl of
Venezuela, coming into puber-
ty, was instructed by her moth-
er and other Christian women
on "womanly" matters. Give
thanks that Pastor Santiago and
his wife, although confronted
with steeped traditions and cul-
tural ceremonies, boldly held
firm to the Truth as they cele-
brated their daughter's coming
out party.

Like newborns, new believers
coming into congregations in
Israel bring great joy. In Israel
congregations are small and
scattered, or non-existent and
unavailable for new believers.
Pray especially for one of these
new believers, that the Lord will
raise up a congregation nearby
with some mature believers to
love and care for him.



JULY

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2004

HOUSE TOPS

JUST FOR THE RECORD

County Line Church, Crystal Springs, will hold VBS June 21-25 from 6-9 p.m. Family night will be held June 27. Dave Qualls is interim pastor.

Yandell Road Church, Gluckstadt, will host a spring festival May 15 beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch tickets are available. For more information, call (601) 856-5959. Music throughout the day will feature a men's quartet from First Church, Madison, Sandy Sartor, Cecilia and Gwen Burgess, Erica Parker, contemporary and gospel music. There will be activities for children and volleyball for adults.

Center Ridge Church, Clarke Association, will hold a Gospel sing May 15 at 7 p.m. featuring Men of Music with Mike Bullock, Mobile, Ala. All



Bible Drill Participants of Gaston Church, Booneville

are welcome. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken. Call (601) 687-1673 or (601) 687-5280 for more information or directions.

Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, will present Steve and Annie Chapman, musical ambassadors to the family, in a Family Enrichment Weekend May 14-16. For more information, call (601) 485-5106 or visit www.psdhc.org.

McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl, will host a Beth Moore Live Simulcast May 15 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. To register, call Bewell Bryant at (601) 939-3379.

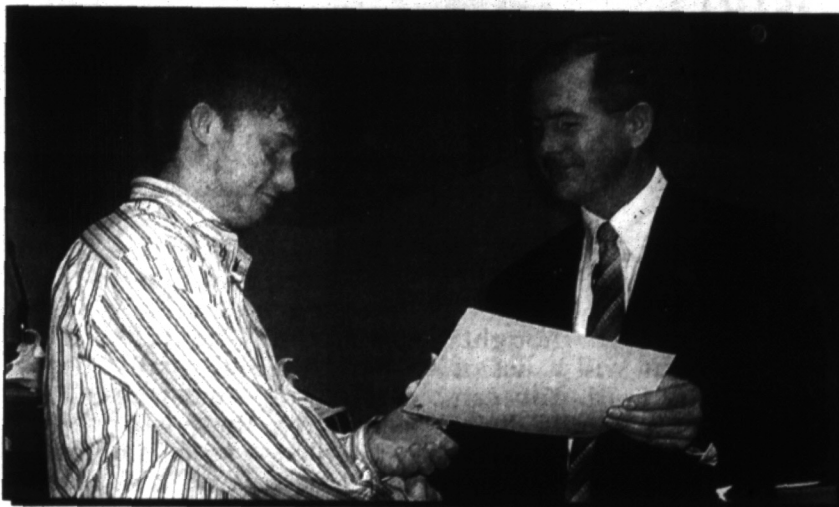
Vaiden Church, Vaiden, celebrated Senior Adult Day April 18 with a message from Jimmy Breland and lunch following the service. Cody Dean is coordinator of the Live Wires senior adult group. R. Leon Holly is pastor. Pictured are Drew Lenard, music director, and Melba Ford who sang for the occasion.

Gaston Church, Booneville, recently had ten children participate in the State Bible Drill held at the First Church, Tupelo. Pictured (from left, back) are Lee McCoy, Annie Corbin, Clint Tucker, Bethany Murphy, Kate Caver, Summer Sanderson, (front) Danielle Bishop, Leah Stevens, Kensey Calvery, and Molly Beth Eubanks. The leaders are Barbara Murphy and Terry Tucker.

First Church, Vardaman, licensed **Derek Nelson** to the ministry April 11. Nelson has been preaching for two years and is enrolled at Itawamba Community College. He is available for pulpit supply and other events and be contacted at (662) 456-0137. Dale Easley, pastor, is pictured with Nelson.



Drew Lenard and Melba Ford



Derek Nelson and Dale Easley, pastor

Homecomings & Revivals

Red Creek Union, Jackson County: 125th Church Anniversary and 100th Building Anniversary May 16; worship, 10:30 a.m.; lunch and singing will be included; Richard Crews, former pastor, speaking; Charles Rodgers, Jackson Association, will present a certificate; Jamie Chapman, pastor.

Spring Hill, Waterford: Revival May 9-13; 7 p.m. nightly; P.J. Scott, First Church, Olive Branch, evangelist; child care provided; Bobby McKay, pastor.

Shady Grove, Lucedale: Revival May 30-June 2; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., noon and 7 p.m.; Jackie Kay, Looking Up Ministries, Millington, Tenn., evangelist; Phillip Willis, Baton Rouge, La., music evangelist; Ronnie Maxie, pastor.

Calvary, New Augusta: Revival May 9-12; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Randall Creel, speaker; Steve Lloyd, pastor.

New Harmony, Philadelphia: Homecoming May 16; worship, 11 a.m.; Greg Latham, speaker; Rodney Goldman, music; lunch will be served; Dewey Moore, pastor. All are welcome.

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FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Loving Spouses

1 Corinthians 7:1-6; Ephesians 5:22-25, 28-33

By Patsy Foster

There's an old saying that woman was not taken out of man's head to be lorded over by him, nor from his feet to be trampled on by him, but from his side to be equal with him, from under his arm to be protected by him, and from near his heart to be loved by him. Husband, love your wife. It's a wonderful investment of obedience that will yield dividends in this life and the life to come. Because husband and wife are one flesh, man as head of the wife is to love her as his own body, nurturing and caring for her as the Lord, the head of the church, loves and cares for us.

Wife, submit yourself to your own husband. Sometimes we try to maintain a relationship with the Heavenly Father without submitting to our husbands.

Ephesians 5:24 says that as the church is submitted to Christ, so we are to be submitted to our husbands in every thing. Sometimes Christian homes reflect the results of neglecting this spiritual principle. There are couples, still married and living under the same roof, who have spiritually divorced themselves from one another. Toleration and strife have replaced the love and respect that once caused them to become a family. If you have reached this point, please consider James 3:16 that where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. According to Vines Dictionary, "confusion" in this verse means instability, a state of disorder and disturbance. These things cause a home to be an incubator of hostility, adverse-



Foster

ly affecting not only us, but our children too. How then can we retrieve the love and respect we once had in our marriage? First, we need to bathe ourselves and our families in prayer and hold tightly to the promises of God's Word. First Corinthians 13 offers wonderful Scriptures to pray over our families each day. Pray that God's Word won't return unto Him void, but that it will accomplish what He pleases and will prosper in what He sent it to do (Isaiah 55:11). Next, we need to realize that Christian marriages are targeted by Satan. If we had enemy soldiers literally swarming over our land, we would probably leave home in the mornings with our armor on and be more loving to our families, knowing we might never see them again. Well, the enemy of our souls is in the land, sending flaming missiles against Christian marriages, pointing out faults, planting

evil thoughts and desires until we begin to wonder if we would be happier without the restrictions of marriage.

Many in our society see marriage as an institution where no one wants to go. Illicit sexual relationships abound in our land, and our society is paying the price with a multitude of sexually transmitted diseases. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 7:2 that every man should have his own wife, and every woman her own husband to avoid fornication. We are not to go outside of the God-established bounds of marriage for a sexual relationship.

In 1 Corinthians 7:3, Paul exhorts the Corinthians that a husband and his wife render due benevolence to one another. Barnes says in his commentary that benevolence denotes kindness, good-will, affection of mind, and that the word "due" should remind us of the sacredness of our vow and that in every respect, we belong to each other. In the intimacy of marriage, husbands and wives are exhorted not to withhold them-

selves from one another, unless it's for a season of prayer and fasting; then they should come back together to keep Satan from tempting them.

While there are no perfect marriages, there are inspiring, godly ones where the spouses have remained faithful and loving even through life's adversities. These marriages are like roses in the desert, blooming and fragrant even in the dry places. A dear friend of mine said, "I think all families have conflict, some just learn from their mistakes and move on; others linger and perpetuate the conflict." That conflict is also meeting God in a crisis and making the decision to obey or stay behind. To obey and move on is to love our spouse unconditionally and with God's help resolve the conflict. To stay behind is to stubbornly cling to the conflict and poison our marriage. We can either build bridges or walls. If we're following God, the choice is clear.

Foster is member of Murphy Creek Church, Louisville.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Serve Confidently

2 Timothy 4:1-22

By Bobby McKay

Have you ever read someone's last will and testament? The purpose of a will is to simply carry out the wishes of the deceased. Whether it is money, land, or possessions, this legal document basically spells out who gets what items. My dad has always joked that when he dies he will leave me the funeral bill.

As we close out our survey on the book of 2 Timothy, we see a glimpse of the end for the Apostle Paul. Tradition and scholars agree that these words are some of Paul's last. As you study the lesson this week, be reminded that Paul is getting ready to die.

No, he doesn't go through a list of belongings that are to

be distributed to his survivors. Rather, he gives testimony of the Lord and His goodness. Here's a thought: include in your will a list of praises to the Lord. You can pass down the family heirlooms, but your praises to the Father will have eternal value. Look with me at three things the text shows us this week.

I. PREACH THE WORD (4:1-5)

One motto preachers share today is "Preach the Word". Countless number of pastors have shared this with me and I am guilty of sharing it with preachers as well. When a preacher tells a brother in Christ to "Preach the Word", he is not necessarily saying that he doesn't preach the



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Word. What he is most likely striving to do is encourage his fellow minister to stand firm on the Word of God.

Paul expresses the same thought here to his young friend Timothy. He mentions in verses three and four that there is coming a terrible time in the future. The problem is what the Bible calls "itchy ears". I can almost hear Paul as he wrote these words.

He pleads with Timothy to stay true to God's Word. He appeals to Timothy in verse five to keep a clear head and among other things, to do the work of an evangelist.

We live in a day and age that churches are compromising biblical doctrine and the truth of the Scriptures so that they might relate better to the world. As Christian churches, we were never called to condition the Gospel so that it doesn't offend people. One main reason churches are

dying is due to some preachers being afraid of hurting someone's feelings. Pastor, if you love your church, preach the Word! You aren't called to tickle ears.

II. PREPARING TO LEAVE (4:6-15)

It is extremely clear in verse six Paul is ready to leave this world. Paul knew that he was staring death in the face. In death, Paul is able to share the message of eternal life. He states that righteousness awaits him. Our friend Paul indeed fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. Are you prepared today to spend eternity with the Lord? If you have any questions or worries, please call your pastor.

Some of you are counting on your good works, church membership, or even your money to get you into heaven. While we know Paul wasn't perfect, can you say without reservation that you are ready to be poured out as an offering to God? Only Jesus

can save you and He will if you ask Him.

III. PRAISE BE TO GOD (4:16-22)

Paul concludes this letter with praise to the Lord. He expresses forgiveness in verse 16 to all those who deserted him throughout his ministry. He states in verse 17 that the Lord never left him, instead He gave him continual strength. He reminds us how faithful God was in his life. God called him to preach to the Gentiles and when he faced evil, God would see and deliver him through.

In verse 18, Paul turns his thoughts toward heaven. Folks, if the lesson this week doesn't light your fire, your wood is wet! Paul is saying to you and me today, "Our God is awesome, faithful, and true! I am going to the heavenly kingdom where I can worship Him forever and ever!" I ask you one last time, are you ready to meet the Lord?

McKay is pastor of Spring Hill Church, Waterford.

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New talent surfaces at GMA Music Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A new wave of artists took home top honors at the 35th annual GMA Music Awards in Nashville on April 28, as

Artist of the Year but then surprised the crowd by also being named Male Vocalist of the Year. Orrico won a Dove for Female Artist of the Year against such competition as Nichole Nordeman, Rebecca St. James, Joy Williams, and CeCe Winans.

Orrico also won Pop/Contemporary Album for her self-titled sophomore project and Short Form Video of the Year for her crossover hit (There's Gotta Be) More to Life.

Switchfoot won Rock Recorded Song of the Year for Ammunition and Rock/Contemporary Recorded Song for Meant to Live. The group also won Rock/Contemporary Album of the Year for The Beautiful Letdown. The band's lead singer won three individual honors: two in the recorded song categories for songwriting credits and one for a producer's credit.

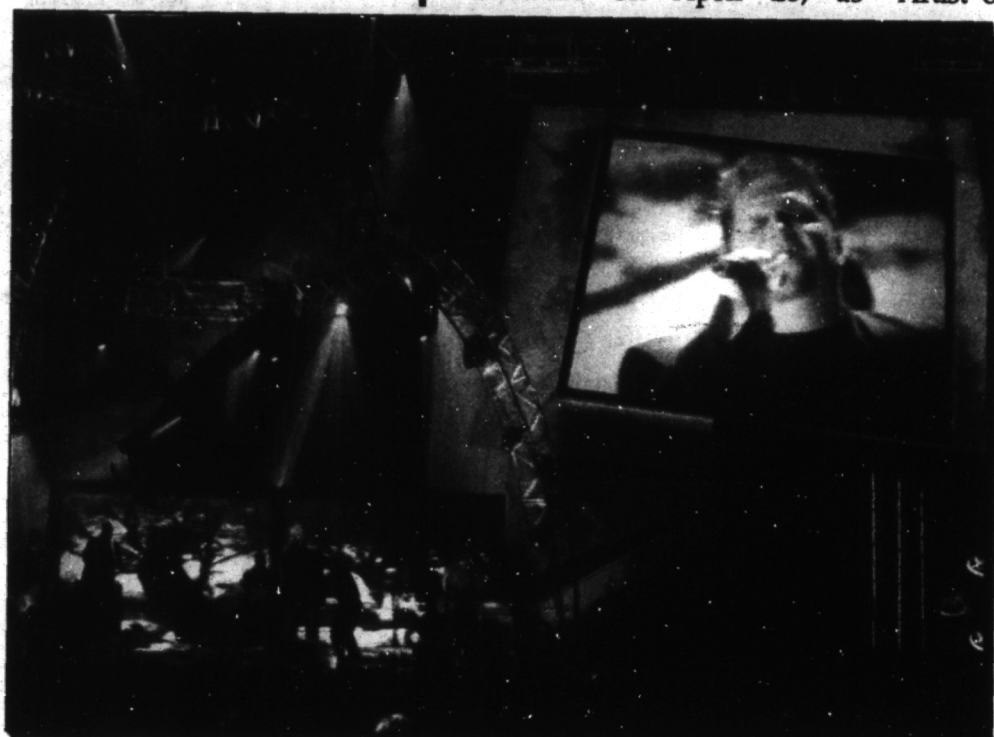
The awards show, held in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium before a sold-out crowd, opened with an act from Hero The Rock Opera, a portrayal of a modern-day Jesus starring Michael Tait of dc Talk, Mark Stuart of Audio Adrenaline, and Rebecca St. James, among others.

The show will be broadcast on the UPN network May 28 at 7 p.m. Central Time. Following is an abbreviated list of Dove Award winners:

- Song of the Year: Word of God Speak; Pete Kiple, Bart Millard; Wordspring Music/Songs from the Indigo Room (SESAC), Simpleville Music (ASCAP)
- Songwriter of the Year: Mark Hall of Casting Crowns
- Male Vocalist of the Year: Jeremy Camp
- Female Vocalist of the Year: Stacie Orrico
- Group of the Year: MercyMe

- Artist of the Year: MercyMe
- New Artist of the Year: Jeremy Camp
- Producer of the Year: Brown Bannister
- Rap/Hip Hop Recorded Song of the Year: Believe; The Art of Translation; Grits, Jennifer Knapp; Teron Carter, Stacy Jones, Kene Bell, Otto Price; Gotee Records
- Modern Rock Recorded Song of the Year: Breaking Me Down; So Much for Substitutes; downhere; Marc Martel, Jason Germain, Glen Lavender; Word Records
- Rock Recorded Song of the Year: Ammunition; The Beautiful Letdown; Switchfoot; Jonathan Foreman; Sparrow Records
- Rock/Contemporary Re-recorded Song of the Year: Meant to Live; The Beautiful Letdown; Switchfoot; Jonathan Foreman, Tim Foreman; Sparrow Records
- Pop/Contemporary Recorded Song of the Year: Word of God Speak; Spoken For; MercyMe; Bart Millard, Pete Kiple; INO

- Inspirational Recorded Song of the Year: Everything To Me; Testify To Love; The Very Best of Avalon; Avalon; Chad Cates, Sue Smith; Sparrow Records
- Southern Gospel Recorded Song of the Year: (Tie) The Cross; The Walk; Crabb Family; Gerald Crabb; Daywind Music Group. The Promise; Above It All; The Martins; Brian White, Don Poythress; Spring Hill Music
- Bluegrass Recorded Song of the Year: So Many Years, So Many Blessings; 50th Anniversary; The Lewis Family; Wayne Haun, Cindi Ballard, Belinda Smith; Thoroughbred Records
- Country Recorded Song of the Year: Three Wooden Crosses; Rise and Shine; Randy Travis; Doug Johnson, Kim Williams; Word Records
- Urban Recorded Song of the Year: Dance, Dance, Dance; Gotta Have Gospel; Mary Mary, Erica Atkins-Campbell, Trecina Atkins-Campbell, Warrryn Campbell; Integrity Gospel.



NOT ASHAMED — MercyMe, winners of the Group of the Year and Artist of the Year honors at the GMA Awards, performed their latest single, Here With Me. Lead singer Bart Millard said they aren't ashamed to sing the name of Jesus because He alone has changed their lives. (BP photo by Morris Abernathy)

MercyMe, Jeremy Camp, Stacie Orrico, and Switchfoot moved into spots frequently filled by Michael W. Smith, Steven Curtis Chapman, and Third Day.

MercyMe won Group of the Year and Artist of the Year, and their hit Word of God Speak was named Song of the Year and Pop/Contemporary Recorded Song of the Year. Upon accepting the Group of the Year award, lead singer Bart Millard said, "The good news is none of this overshadows what Christ has done for us."

Accepting the Artist of the Year award, Millard told the audience, "People always ask us why we signed up for Christian music. We do this not because someone got to us at an early age but because Jesus is the only thing that has ever changed our lives."

Camp, whose song I Still Believe has been a radio favorite and was nominated for a Dove in its category, won for New

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